AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-18 (Cancelled).

- 19. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a bacterial infection comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment a therapeautically therapeutically effective amount of an antibiotic agent, wherein said antibiotic agent is a 2' ester selected from the group consisting of 2'-carboxylic acid esters of Erythromycin B, wherein said 2' esters of Erythromycin B are with a dicarboxylic acid, and or a 2'-carboxylic acid esters ester of Erythromycin B enol ether.
- 20. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 19 wherein the antibiotic agent is a 2'-ester of Erythromycin B enol ether with a monocarboxylic acid.
- 21. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 19 wherein the antibiotic agent is 2'-ester of Erythromycin B enol ether with a dicarboxylic acid.
- 22. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 21 wherein the ester is a succinate ester.

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23 and 24 (Cancelled).

- 25. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 19 wherein the 2' carboxylic acid ester of Erythromycin B is a succinate ester.
- 26. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 19 wherein the antibiotic agent is administered in an amount of up to 500mg per day.
- 27. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 19 wherein the antibiotic agent is administered in an amount of 250 to 500mg per day.
- 28. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 19 wherein the antibiotic agent is administered in the form of a tablet, a capsule, an elixir, an injectable or a syrup.
- 29. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 19 wherein the bacterial infection is TB, Syphilis, Helicobacter pylori or Chlamydia.
- 30. (Currently Amended) An antibiotic composition comprising a therapeautically therapeutically effective amount of an antibiotic agent, wherein said antibiotic agent is a 2' ester selected from the group consisting of 2' carboxylic acid

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esters of Erythromycin B, wherein said 2'-carboxylic acid esters of Erythromycin B are with a dicarboxylic acid, and or a 2'-carboxylic acid esters of Erythromycin B enol ether.

- 31. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 30 wherein the antibiotic agent is a 2'-ester of Erythromycin B enol ether with a monocarboxylic acid.
- 32. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 30 wherein the antibiotic agent is 2'-ester of Erythromycin B enol ether with a dicarboxylic acid.
- 33. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 32 wherein the ester is a succinate ester.

34 and 35 (Cancelled).

- 36. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 30 wherein the 2' carboxylic acid ester of Erythromycin B is a succinate ester.
- 37. (Previously Presented) A 2'-carboxylic acid ester of Erythromycin B enol ether.

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- 38. (Previously Presented) The ester as claimed in claim 37 which is a 2'-ester of Erythromycin B enol ether with a monocarboxylic acid.
- 39. (Previously Presented) The ester as claimed in claim 37 which is a 2'-ester of Erythromycin B enol ether with a dicarboxylic acid.
- 40. (Previously Presented) The ester as claimed in claim 39 wherein the ester is a succinate ester.
- 41. (Previously Presented) A 2'-ester of Erythromycin B with a dicarboxylic acid.
- 42. (Previously Presented) The ester as claimed in claim 41 which is a succinate ester.
 - 43-46. (Cancel).